

NINETY-THIRD YEAR.

DECLARER HUSBAND
IS A BIGAMIST.

Mrs. Sassaman, Who Says She Is
Wife No. One, Applies
for a Warrant.

NOW TRYING TO LOCATE HIM.

Her Story Is That He Married a
Cuban Girl, 16 Years Old,
on August 1—She Was
Wed Last February.

Laura Bassman of No. 982 North
High street is searching the city for her
husband, Robert Bassman, an embezzler
accused of robbing him on a charge of bigness.
Meredith Alpern, a Cuban girl of 16 years
who is said to be the new wife, is the daughter
of Mrs. Maria Alpern of No. 198 Washington
street. At present her whereabouts is unknown.
Bassman has not been seen about his home, at No. 982 Elton avenue, for several days.

Bassman escaped to Chicago with Miss
Laura Alpern on No. 982 Spencer place on
February 1 last. Jones hired the
agent which made them man and wife and
they returned to St. Louis to get parental
bargains. For two weeks they lived at
the home of her parents. Then they went
to live with his parents. After awhile they
moved to a room in the downtown, and there is
where their troubles commenced. Once he
left her. A reconciliation followed and she
let him return to her home.

A few days ago, Mrs. Bassman was in-
formed by a friend that her husband had
married a little Cuban girl. On investigation
she found that Bassman had been married
to Merle Alpern by justice of the
Peace Bodner on August 1. Bassman and the
little Cuban girl had been friends from
childhood. It is not known whether
her mother was still alive. The young couple
had been living the Suttons since fully grown into
womanhood. After the marriage they dis-
appeared and Mrs. Alpern has not had ex-
posure to her daughter since.

Laura Bassman and Mrs. Maria Al-
pern called at the Four Seasons hotel
yesterday morning to file a criminal proceeding
against an attorney, whose right name is said
to be Walter Carson, Acting Assistant
Prosecuting Attorney Estep explained to them
that it would be useless to issue a
warrant and have him arrested. Mr.
Sassaman left the Four Seasons saying she
would have him located before Monday
morning and locked up in the "under" At-
torney's office, and he would have the war-
rant on Monday.

FEATURES OF ST. LOUIS FAIR.

New Attractions and High-Class
Exhibits Will Be Seen.

Preparations are now making for the
opening of the St. Louis Fair, and every-
thing will be in readiness by the middle of
this week. The grounds will bring the
out-of-door life to the city, and the
entertainment will be varied and
interesting.

Albert Estep, chairman of the
Fair Committee, says the
motor races will be big feature. Champion
holds the world's record of one minute
and ten seconds for the mile, and will at-
tempt to break it. The racing match
between the men will be of interest,
as they have met twice before, a victory
being placed to the side of each.

There will be another attraction,
a Buffalo Bill and a
saloon where the animals
will be shown in a cage. A display of
native cartridges will be another feature.

A first-class list of exhibits will be
shown, including the famous
two special meets, which will be ar-
ranged for the week. A special contest
has been arranged between the horses Joe
Fisher and Amazone, the well-known
jockeys.

Among the other attractions will be an
exhibition by Professor John E.
Lindner, who will demonstrate
the art of the United States in war with
Spain. He will be assisted by a remote
operator, Rae and Benedicto, who do a
regular business in the telephone and
other attractions.

The Germans are another attraction,
and especially being trained work
in the engineering building a varied
entertainment. Among them are shows of
the greatest storms and the scenes which
ensued in process of the burning of a
city, of the great battles, of ships at anchor
in motion and other novelties.

The agricultural and horticultural departments
will be the big draw, year follow-
ing year, because larger exhibits
of the cattle, horses, sheep and hogs
have been arranged and new classes have
been created.

THIRTY CARS OF COTTON.

Train Leaves St. Louis for
Boston To-Night.

The largest train load of cotton ever
shipped from St. Louis will leave the city
tonight on the Chicago and Alton Railroad,
and head line for Boston. W. A. Metcalf
of the Red Line fast freight service has
arranged in collecting thirty cars of cotton
from eastern cities, then will send them
on a special train to the seaboard for export.

The cotton is from Texas and Oklahoma,
and the first car of the day
will be the largest ever shipped for
the shipment of a trainload each week from now on.

This time will be made and the rail from
St. Louis to Boston will be completed in
four days.

This cotton was sold for export through
the Southern Cotton Exchange.

In his annual report on the
cotton crop situation in the United States,
he gives interesting figures to show
the true value of the present era of the
crop in the South, which cannot be
overstated.

For the crop of 1898-99 it was
1,838,428 bushels less than that of the previous
year, on account of the increased consumption
of cotton in the United States, and the
reduced foreign market for the crop of
1898-99, and it is safe to say that no cotton
crop since the war has netted better money
return to the people of the South than the
crop just mentioned, says the report.

The total crop was 8,036,428 bushels, for
which an average price of \$18.50 per bushel
was received.

It is estimated that the present crop will
amount to 8,000,000 bushels, for which an aver-
age price of nearly 20 cents a pound is pro-
bable, which would make the total value
\$160,000,000.

With beautiful crops of wheat, corn, fruit
and other things this puts the Southern
states better off financially than
they have been for many years.

The world's consumption of American
cotton in the season of 1898-1900 was 11,322,000
bushels, which explains the present prosper-
ity in the Southern States.

Berlitz School of Languages.

This institution received four medals at
the Paris Exposition. Their medals are the
highest awards given to educational institutions,
two of them being gold and the
other two silver. Professor V. Harrison
Berlitz is now in St. Louis, and has
instituted a new language, Portuguese.
Berlitz has been here for the past seven years. The St.
Louis branch of the Berlitz School of
Languages is in the same building as the
Jacquard building. A cordial invitation is
extended to the public to visit the school and
attend the comedies and lectures which are
presented in all languages.

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The Special Mail Edition is
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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

FIRE SALE OF RETHWILM'S STOCK

Another great capture by Famous—Edw. F. Rethwilm's entire stock at 30 cents on the dollar—a scoop that will resound from one end of St. Louis to the other—and flood the city with the grandest bargains ever offered. Read the details of this purchase.



BEGINNING TO-MORROW MORNING
THIS ENTIRE STOCK WILL BE

EDW. F. RETHWILM has been in business on the corner of Sixth and Franklin avenue for the past fifteen years. He was well known for carrying a reliable and dependable class of merchandise. On September 2d he suffered a loss by fire. After adjusting his claims with the insurance companies he decided to retire from business, and sold to FAMOUS his entire stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing, Piece Goods, Tailors' Trimmings, Men's Furnishings and Hats and Caps—amounting to over \$49,600—for \$16,400—which means less than 30¢ on the dollar. Space forbids a complete description, but the list below shows Rethwilm's former prices and the prices at which we will sell this stock. See Our Morgan Street Windows for Fire Sale Bargains.

PLACED ON SALE ON 3D FLOOR

SEPARATE FROM OUR
REGULAR STOCK!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We beg to announce that the following well-known gentlemen, who have been in the employ of Mr. Edw. F. Rethwilm for a great number of years, are now with Famous, where they will be glad to see their old friends:

STEPHEN H. BEIMBEIK, J. H. HENNING,
FLORENZ F. OTTMER, AUGUST NEUMAYER,
JOHN SCHLOEMAN.

Fire Sale of Rethwilm's Boys' Dependable Clothing.

This department escaped all injury in the Rethwilm fire—the garments were not touched by fire, smoke or water—and yet they all go at the same ridiculously low prices as the balance of this great purchase. See Our Morgan Street Windows.

Rethwilm's Boys' Overcoats.
Ages 4 to 15 years. 2.15

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$1.80—Famous price .90¢

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$1.80 and \$1.60—Famous price .90¢

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$1.60—Famous price .80¢

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$1.40—Famous price .70¢

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$1.20—Famous price .60¢

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$1.00—Famous price .50¢

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$0.80—Famous price .40¢

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$0.60—Famous price .30¢

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$0.40—Famous price .20¢

Boys' Overcoats—Rethwilm's price \$0.20—Famous price .10¢

Boys' Reefs—Rethwilm's price .90¢—Famous price .45¢

Boys' Reefs—Rethwilm's price \$1.10—Famous price .55¢

Boys' Reefs—Rethwilm's price \$1.30—Famous price .65¢

Boys' Reefs—Rethwilm's price \$1.50—Famous price .75¢

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